

Miss Lena McMillan has returned from a visit with friends in Johnston.

Mr. George Flick, of Oakland, Cal., is visiting at the home of his father—Gillian Flick—at Lavansville.

Original penitents have been granted by Joseph Shultz, of Sand Patch, and George D. Brand, of Meyersdale.

Engineer George Ridenour, of the Somerset and Cambria R.R., is confined to his home in Lockwood by sickness.

Miss Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dilbert, of Johnston, is the guest of her friend—Miss Bertha Scott.

Mr. William A. Kimmel and wife, of Pittsburg, spent Friday and Saturday at the home of Mr. J. O. Kimmel, on Union street.

Rev. Cyrus Musser, editor of the Reformed Church Messenger, Philadelphia, is visiting at the home of his parents in Berlin.

George Krupper and Ross Scott, who had been home for the holidays, returned to the Butler University, at Irvington, Ind., on Monday.

Mr. John Critchfield, youngest son of Senator Critchfield, is enrolled as a student at the Medical College, Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Knoble, of Pittsburg, were guests at the home of the former's brother—Mr. W. W. Knoble—Saturday and Sunday.

The next meeting of the Somerset Ministerial Association will be held at the residence of Rev. T. J. Bristow, on Sunday next, at 12 o'clock.

The regular services will be held in the Presbyterian church next Sabbath. The pastor will preach morning and evening; Sabbath School at 3 o'clock.

"Taylor's Fools" who showed at the Opera House, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, were greeted by large and appreciative audiences.

Mrs. Jacob P. Becker died at her home, near Hay's Mill, Brothersville, aged 58 years, on Christmas morning, aged 58 years. Her husband survives.

The booms of aspirants for borough and township offices are beginning to bud. In many of the boroughs a new burgess will be elected at the February election.

Deputy-Secretary of the Commonwealth James E. Barnett was the guest of Somerset friends one day last week. Mr. Barnett returned to Harrisburg on Friday.

Readers of this paper will recall an item published some time ago referring to the condition of Clara Staats, an unfortunate lady at the County Home who had been deprived of both her feet by a railroad accident, and calling upon the Poor Directors to aid him in securing artificial limbs, and fitting up a wheelchair to earn a livelihood and through his own efforts earned a small amount of money which he proudly exhibited to the directors.

Mr. Alfred J. Bailey and Miss Cynthia H. Scott, of Bakersville, were united in marriage at the Reformed parsonage, Somerset, on Wednesday, December 30th, Rev. Hiram Kimmel officiating.

Messrs. Dorsey and Edward Schell, of Conneleville, were among the out-of-town guests who attended the wedding tendered by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Nichol, of Prof. H. Stewart Schell and wife, on Saturday evening.

Sheriff Hartzell has rented his Rockwood property to Mr. J. A. Emery, superintendent of the Crescent Lumber Company, a recently organized corporation which has purchased several large tracts of timber lands in Middlebrook and Jefferson townships.

Mr. Joseph E. Herr, of Oil City, dropped into town on the Sunday morning train and remained until Monday afternoon at the home of his brothers and sisters, on Main street. Mr. Herr has been connected with the Standard Oil Company for a number of years.

A recently married couple who were visiting with Somerset friends last week, were enjoying the most of their honeymoon in the city, and shortly before the groom removed to the far west. The bride and groom had not seen one another for twelve years until a day or two preceding their marriage.

Mr. S. A. Kridler, of Hooversville, Somerset County, and Miss Aggie P. Kridler, of Berlin, were united in marriage at the home of Mrs. A. C. Cunniff, of G. A. R. Old soldiers from all sections of the county look forward to these annual reunions with increased interest each year, since in the natural course of events they can not be held so often. The last reunion was held on Friday was the largest since the custom of meeting on the first day of the year was instituted, about eighty-five members of the Post being present. In addition to the old soldiers, there were a number of soldiers' wives, widows, sons and daughters, and a few specially invited guests met with them. A meeting of the Post was held in the Post room during the morning, and at 12 o'clock the cotillion was given at the Opera House, where the ladies had a steaming hot dinner prepared for them. The customary speeches were dispensed with and all present devoted themselves to enjoying the edibles.

Somerset girls are too easy to give a party for their gentlemen friends during the year, and too fond of dancing to let an opportunity go unimproved. Hence, the last of the year has been the "leap year party" on the last day of 1896, to be given at the Somerset House, on Monday evening. We betray no confidence when we say that only two young men received more than one invitation, and that the two who were invited were shown around the buildings and farm. Mr. Peck will make an able successor to Jacob McGee, whose services to the county were duly recognized by his fellow citizens, and who has been a constant and faithful attendant to duty.

Bank failures are of almost daily occurrence in the west and northwest, and Somerset banks are on a firmer footing than ever before, as fully evidenced by the action of the directors of the First National and Somerset County National Banks at meetings held last week. The success of these two local institutions must be a gratifying thing to the public and stock holders.

At a meeting of the directors of the First National Bank, held in the directors' room, on Saturday evening, the usual semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent was declared on the capital stock of that institution; \$2,000 was added to the surplus; \$200 was appropriated to redeeming the bank's U. S. bonds, and \$1,300 was carried over as undivided profits, all out of the earnings of the past six months. The surplus fund of the First National is now \$25,000. The members of the board of directors all expressed their appreciation of the conduct of the affairs of the bank and at the gratifying increase of the volume of business done during the period mentioned.

The Somerset Farmers are old-fashioned people.

When a man commits murder they believe he ought to be hanged, and no man's sentence prevents a verdict accordingly—Connellsville Courier.

The Edison Vitaseop Company gave one of the finest entertainments ever enjoyed by a Somerset audience at the Opera House last night.

The Edison Vitaseop Company is one of the most wonderful inventions of modern times, and it offers an opportunity to see this marvelous discovery of the Wizard Edison.

Rev. Stevens, pastor of the Bedford M. E. Church, has publicly notified his congregation in regard to signing his name to any petition, that any member so doing would have his name erased from the roll of membership.

Mr. L. E. Holsopple, of Holsopple, is the happy recipient of a Wedderburn sterling silver medal, as a reward of his services in the late war.

Monday morning Messrs. Kimmel, Good and Krotzsch were at the County Commissioners' office and were kept busy most of the day shaking hands with their numerous friends, who called to extend congratulations.

Over in the Prothonotary's office Mr. F. B. Barron entered upon his three year term of office as Register and Recorder. He is perfectly familiar with the records of that office and thoroughly adapted to the duties of his important trust.

While hunting in Centre county a few days ago H. H. Warren, State Engineer, was shot by a foxhound through which he narrowly escaped the loss of his eyes.

Register and Recorder Miller and his clerks were at the County Commissioners' office on Saturday, but an astonishing large amount of work was spread upon the records of that office between Friday night and Monday morning.

William Winters relieved Treasurer Pugh bright and early Monday morning and together they passed the day watching the large sale in the Treasurer's office, and looking up the accounts of the county for the past year.

Upstairs in the court room Associate Judge Horner was seated in the President Judge's chair, and Associate Judge Beck occupied a seat to his right.

A number of the members of the bar were present on the bench. After a little routine business was disposed of court adjourned to meet again to-day.

Sheriff Hartzell was looking as pleasant as a man can who is engaged in erecting stove pipes and securing order out of several of the houses in the city.

People coming from Meyersdale all tell the same tale in regard to the darkness that prevails in that enterprising village after six o'clock in the evening.

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One of the pleasant features of New Year's Day in Somerset for a number of years past has been the annual banquet given by the Somerset County Association.

The County Auditors organized Monday by electing Silas Lundy president of the board. Mr. Lichty is the only Democratic member of the board.

A few weeks ago this paper published a remedy for the grip which has been learned physicians in the old world.

Out at the County Home the Poor Directors met on Monday and effected an agreement by electing William Hill, President, L. C. Collier, Jr., Vice.

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Shell-Layman.

The handsome residence of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Layman, at Irvington, was the scene of a pretty wedding yesterday afternoon.

The ceremony was celebrated with a gathering of relatives and intimate friends who assembled in the spacious parlors.

The bride was Miss Clara B. Layman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Layman, of the town of Butler University, but now residing at the home of her father.

The groom was Mr. James T. Layman, of the town of Butler University, but now residing at the home of his father.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Mary Margaret Layman, as maid of honor, and her two younger sisters, Miss Katherine Layman and Miss Helen Layman.

The bride wore a beautiful gown of white silk crepe de chene over white tulle and trimmed with lace.

The groom wore a suit of dark blue cloth with a white shirt and a white necktie.

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Highest of all in Leaving Power—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE.

Two Churches Dedicated. The new Evangelical church, at Hasbroad and Lighty's, were dedicated last Sabbath.

Judge Miller, during a recent trial at Beaver, in his charge to the jury referred to policemen and detectives as follows:

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